

1 bad children and there would be a good argument against
2 lowering the voting age.

3 Well, as I studied this part of the problem
4 with the so-called experts in the field, that body of
5 our society that spends all its time studying those in that
6 age group, without any exception, their conclusion was that
7 those from about seventeen and a half up as a class
8 certainly had the maturity to make the value judgment that
9 was necessary to cast a vote in an election.

10 We, of course, are relying upon our personal
11 experiences. I could add to that in my travels throughout
12 the State of Maryland I have been impressed by the judgment
13 shown by youngsters in the State and I have suggested
14 many times to those who were eighteen or nineteen who
15 thought maybe they weren't ready to vote yet, I suggested
16 to them they might expect they are going to become
17 smarter. They may learn more facts, but this doesn't
18 necessarily add anything to their basic wisdom because I
19 think the educators in this hall will testify to the fact
20 that the younger a child is educated and trained, at
21 least this is the current theory, the better off we are